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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**


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Southern District Of Texas McAllen Division

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA****CRIMINAL COMPLAINT****vs.**

Case Number: 7:12-po-06324

Abel MELO-Lazaro  
IAE A205 647 741  
Mexico 1991

I, the undersigned complainant state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about October 22, 2012 in Hidalgo County, in the Southern District Of Texas defendant(s) did, **Being then and there an alien, did, knowingly and unlawfully enter the United States at a place other than as designated by immigration officers;**

in violation of Title 8 United States Code, Section(s) 1325(a)(1)  
I further state that I am a(n) Border Patrol Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

**Abel MELO-Lazaro was encountered by Border Patrol Agents near Hidalgo, Texas on October 22, 2012. When questioned as to his citizenship, defendant stated that he was a citizen and national of the United Mexican States, who had entered the United States illegally on October 22, 2012, by wading across the Rio Grande River near the Hidalgo, Texas Port of Entry.**

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS IN THIS COMPLAINT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of this complaint: ☐ Yes ☒ No

/S/ De La Garza, Alma L. Border Patrol Agent  
Signature of Complainant

De La Garza, Alma L. Border Patrol Agent  
Printed Name of Complainant

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

October 23, 2012  
Date

at McAllen, Texas  
City/State

Peter E Ormsby U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Name of Judge Title of Judge

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Signature of Judge